

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7103–S7146*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 7–10, 3658–3661, and S. Res. 707–709. **Pages S7132–33**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 793, to prohibit sale of shark fins, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–388)

S. 3143, to provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–389)

S. 3367, to amend certain transportation-related reporting requirements to improve congressional oversight, reduce reporting burdens, and promote transparency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–390)

H.R. 3279, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide that extraction of helium from gas produced under a Federal mineral lease shall maintain the lease as if the helium were oil and gas. (S. Rept. No. 115–391) **Pages S7131–32**

#### Measures Passed:

**Remove the Prohibition on Certain Alcohol Manufacturing:** Senate passed H.R. 5317, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands. **Page S7141**

**Sac and Fox Indian Reservation:** Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1074, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7141**

**Ray Hendrix Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic:** Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3946, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the Ray Hendrix Department of Veterans Affairs

Clinic, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Isakson) Amendment No. 4063, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7141**

McConnell (for Isakson) Amendment No. 4064, to amend the title. **Page S7141**

**National Principals Month:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 674, recognizing the month of October 2018 as “National Principals Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7141**

**25th Anniversary of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 424, honoring the 25th anniversary of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7142**

McConnell (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 4065, to amend the preamble. **Page S7142**

**75th Anniversary of World War II:** Senate passed S. 3661, to provide for a program of the Department of Defense to commemorate the 75th anniversary of World War II. **Pages S7142–43**

**Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act (NICA):** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1918, to oppose loans at international financial institutions for the Government of Nicaragua unless the Government of Nicaragua is taking effective steps to hold free, fair, and transparent elections, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7143–44**

McConnell (for Menendez) Amendment No. 4066, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7143–44**

#### House Messages:

**Jamestown Reservoir:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 2074, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Jamestown Reservoir in the State of North Dakota. **Page S7141**

**Dickinson Reservoir:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 440, to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain Federal property around the Dickinson Reservoir in the State of North Dakota.

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**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency related to the situation in Nicaragua; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM—48)

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**Kelley Nomination-Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 247), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that Senate recess from 11 a.m. until 12 noon.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 246), Stephen Alexander Vaden, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Enrolled Bills Presented:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—247)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7145.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### COMMISSION ON THE NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy, after receiving testimony from Eric S. Edelman, and Admiral Gary Roughhead, USN (Ret.), both Co-Chair, Commission on the National Defense Strategy, Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported 1,592 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### NAVY SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy shipbuilding programs, after receiving testimony from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Vice Admiral William R. Merz, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (OPNAV N9), and Lieutenant General David H. Berger, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, all of the Department of Defense.

### FTC OVERSIGHT

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from Joseph J. Simons, Chairman, and Rohit Chopra, Noah Joshua Phillips, Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, and Christine S. Wilson, each a Commissioner, all of Federal Trade Commission.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy), Bernard L.